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Editorial Comment

DARDEN MADE AN EXCELLENT GOVERNOR
The termination of the occupancy of the office of Governor Colgate W. Darden, Jr. should be the occasion for Virginia of all beliefs to thank him for excellent performance of a difficult job.

Mr. Darden was not well known in this section of the Commonwealth four years ago as he moved into the executive mansion and won the respect and then the affection of citizens of every part of Virginia, and he leaves Richmond with the acclaim of his fellow citizens. His administration has been sound and progressive. Virginia has "come along" under his careful guidance.

Still young in years, he should be sought out for many years for counsel and leadership.

STILL BIGGEST PROBLEM
There are many problems to be faced by the Virginia General Assembly during its present session. Most of these will have to do with providing funds for the post-war activities of the state government. Most of the departments plan to expand their activities and desire increased appropriations.

However, the plight of Virginia public schools ranks as the Number One problem on the agenda. Considerable study of the state school problem was made during the term of Governor Darden. The Assembly has ample facts at hand for action. There are likewise sufficient funds.

In past sessions, it has been contended that "recurring appropriations" out of current surpluses should be shunned, thus holding down increases for high schools and grade schools. Yet high schools and grade schools have been given crumbs, the colleges meagre. Again, and again, against this paper holds that the FIRST duty of the state in appropriating funds for education is to provide Virginia with grade and high schools equal to any in the nation. If funds are left over after that is done, then the state-supported colleges rank second on the list.

A tour of the imposing campuses of state colleges is enough to bring tears of envy to the eyes of the bottom up. We say this well aware of the obligations of housing and other facilities at the colleges brought on by the desire of returning veterans to take advantage of the educational opportunities in the GI bill of rights. But it might be well to study how colleges and universities that are not tax-supported are planning to meet this problem. With the present scarcity of materials, and the high cost of construction, inexpensive, temporary living quarters appear to be the answer.

Veterans Finding Jobs
Few veterans have thus far had difficulty in finding a job. Some of them are taking a well-deserved rest before turning to the grind of civilian labor, but by and large veterans wishing jobs have been able to get them. Also, the return of veterans has not overcrowded the labor market. It is still hard to find workers. The prospect for 1946 seems bright.

Bye-Bye Christmas



SAY "NO" TO HATRED

From San Francisco News

Shrewd, cruel men are plotting to pit veterans against civilians; workers against employer; unionist against unionist; churchman against churchman; color against color—American against American.

The poison peddlers must not get away with their evil schemes. America must answer "no" to their invitation to hate, "no" to hating the man next door; hating the other religion; hating some fellow's color; hating a neighbor's race.

The only thing we have to hate is hate itself.

SAVINGS BONDS

From Roanoke Times

Addressing the House recently Representative Cox (D., Ga.) asked: "Who is there in this chamber who does not know that in a world grown as small as this, Communism and Russian domination of a great section of the globe and free America cannot long slide side by side with peace on our planet?"

Representative Cox drew a grave disservice to his country and a graver disservice to the cause of peace and the Soviet Union and sooner or later war between Russia and America is bound to come.

We fall into the habit of accepting as a foregone conclusion is sure to occur in time.

If we think and talk and mould our policy in terms of peace, then it is likely that we shall have peace. But if we start thinking and talking and moulding our policy in terms of war, then it is only a question of time until we find ourselves at war.

Let's either stop talking a dangerous nonsense or stop talking at all.

Virginia colleges in midst of basketball competition.

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"GAY GADGETS"

Associated Newspapers—WNU Features

By NANCY PEPPER

ON THE MAKE

What's keeping you in stitches these days? We know you're on the sew-but sew what? You're on the seam and you're sharp as a needle if you're making any of these fashions for yourself.

Long Turtleneck Shirts—Seems you can't find 'em sewing any more, so you're ready your own, and with plenty of pleats. You add wide belt, plain suspenders.

Birdie-Suit—A dirdil out of the odds and ends of pastel jersey. Add a party blouse and you have a date dress that will rate raves.

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Take My Word

For It!

By FRANK COLBY

WORDS TO WATCH

Overheard in a diner: "Waiter, look at this tubercle!" It's positively grimy!" Grimy does not rhyme with "shrimmy." The word derives from grim, not from grim.

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